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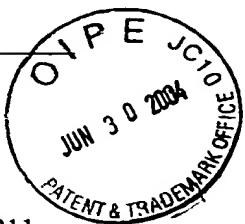
In re the Application of

Toshiya AIKAWA et al.

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For: IMAGE READING DEVICE AND METHOD



Group Art Unit: 2626

Examiner: T. Carter

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**LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1st - 3rd EXTENSION
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